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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting With Willkie Donelson, OMB, on Proposed Federal Mapping Task Force

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] I met with Willkie Donelson for 1 1/2 hours on the morning of 22 March. Mr. Donelson let us read a memorandum which he expected to be signed by the Director of OMB, Mr. George Shultz, within the next 2 to 3 days. The memo recommended establishment of a Federal Mapping Task Force to study the organization, operations, and requirements of the civilian sector of the national mapping effort. Included were terms of reference for the Task Force.

2. The Task Force is to be chaired by Mr. Donelson and will have principals from Agriculture, Interior, Commerce and Defense. Mr. Donelson will seek expert assistance as needed from other Government agencies and academic consultants. His intent is for the Task Force to begin its job on 15 April and to complete its report by 1 October. There is clearly an intent to centralize and rationalize the civilian mapping community in the manner that Defense mapping has been centralized under the new Defense Mapping Agency. Another major consideration is the relationship between the Defense mapping and the civilian mapping communities.

3. The four specific areas of inquiry are to be:

a. A thorough review of the civilian agency mapping requirements.

b. The feasibility of a national central data facility and the definition of such a facility.

c. Duplication in the R&D field between the civilian and the Defense mapping communities.

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d. The apparent trend for duplicate systems using the same 30 ft. resolution cameras -- one system classified and run by Defense, the other system unclassified and run by the civilian side -- and a review of the security implications in using a single system.

4. Mr. Donelson came seeking an Agency representative as a consultant and point of contact to the Federal Mapping Task Force. He 25X1A indicated a desire to have [REDACTED] serve in that capacity. [REDACTED] 25X1A is the best choice from my point of view, and I agreed to make his services available. In addition to his own expertise in the areas under 25X1A consideration, [REDACTED] will be the primary point of contact for tasking, eliciting viewpoint and coordination throughout the Agency on the questions under study.

5. Mr. Donelson promised to provide copies of the memorandum after Mr. Shultz had signed it.

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